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Term 1 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Feb 24 – MHS Swimming Carnival
- Mar 2 – Parent/Teacher interviews, Yrs 7,11,12 4pm – 7pm in the Gym
- Mar 14 – Yr 7 vaccinations
- Mar 16 – Parent/Teacher interviews, Yrs 8,9,10 4pm – 7pm in the Gym
- Mar 30 - Apr 7 Yr 12 ½ yearly exams

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Have you seen the new basketball courts? If you're passing the school in Denison Street, make sure you look out for the new courts. With the assistance of the P&C, a community partnership grant and the dogged persistence of a couple of staff members from the PDHPE Faculty, what was a neglected piece of school infrastructure is now a state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose facility. It's well worth a look.

In addition to the Secondary Schools Renewal Program works around the school (see below) we have also been working on some other in-house renovations that will improve the amenity of the place. The mini gymnasium in the northeast corner of the school, adjacent to the bus shed, is now insulated and has had additional concrete paving installed to provide an additional facility that can be used year-round. The Performance Centre is being refurbished, including repaired and repainted walls, a new electronic screen to compliment the audio visual improvements made last year, refurbished stage curtains and a recarpeted stage.

A well-cared for physical environment is indisputable evidence that someone cares. We want our students and indeed the wider Mudgee community to know that we care.

And now, a history lesson...

Augury was a regular practice in ancient Roman religion. The Romans believed that the future could be known through the interpretation of birds in flight. The individual charged with these divinations was called an augur. The augur's observations were referred to as taking "the auspices". Depending upon the birds seen, the auspices from the gods would be determined as favourable or unfavourable.

One of the more famous accounts of augury at work is the one connected to the founding of Rome. Romulus and Remus, the brothers who legend tells us founded Rome, were said to have arrived at the Palatine Hill, where they argued over where exactly the city should be sited. Romulus was keen to build the city upon the Palatine Hill. Remus on the other hand wanted to build the city on what he saw as the far more defensible Aventine Hill. The two agreed to settle their argument by testing their abilities as augurs. Remus reportedly saw six vultures, while Romulus saw twelve.

Problem solved; twelve trumps six. Building commenced at Palatine...

If that all sounds daft, then we're on the same page.

Divining and deducing, relying on prophesy and soothsaying, peering into the tea leaves or the entrails of dead beasts... none of it is particularly scientific and I'm almost certain will not reveal the hitherto unknown.

So where is this going? There are times when children – adults too – behave in ways that no reasonable person would consider, well, reasonable. Chief amongst these immoderate behaviours would have to be bullying; the systematic and prolonged harassment of another person through threats and intimidation, words and actions.

You should be in no doubt that when we are made aware of these types of behaviours manifesting at school, we are very quick to respond. We do all that is reasonable to stop such acts cold. No one should have to come either to school or to work and feel miserable at the prospect of another day of being subjected to these types of behaviours, whether from another individual or a group.

That said, sometimes we only find out that such a situation has developed well after the fact. In these situations, sometimes we are asked, "Why hasn't the school done something?"

We need your help. We have no augurs. We have no tealeaf readers. We have no seers or mediums with high def. crystal balls. Until we are aware there is a problem there is no problem. We need those affected to seek assistance; to speak up early so that action can be taken quickly.

If this is done, the chances of resolving positively any negative issue grow exponentially.

SSRP. The new hand over date for the refurbished “front of house” in Friday 3 March. This is a delay, but looking out over the works today it’s hard not to think we just may make it. It really is starting to look a whole lot better.

Until next week!

Wayne Eade
Principal



TERM 1 WEEK 4 AWARDS

P&C: Yr 7: Henry Boxsell, Yr 8: Pierson Sibley, Yr 9: Victoria Parkinson, Yr 10: Paige Martin, Yr 11: Abbey Travis, Yr 12: Macy Morley

SRR Award: Tayla Woods – Year 7

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM – ANDREA HOLDEN

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a Rotary Australia initiative which brings together 400 of the country’s brightest scientific students over 2 two weeks sessions in January each year. Mudgee High’s Andrea Holden was one of the 400 accepted of over 2000 students interviewed nationally and internationally and was supported in her endeavours by the Rotary Club of Mudgee.

“Without the support of not only Mudgee Rotary, but also Rotary as a national organisation, I would not have been able to attend such a well renowned event that exposed me to such up to date science innovations and inventions” Andrea said.

While in Canberra, students were given the opportunity to meet several esteemed scientists and hear about their journeys and the scientific discoveries they have made. One of the highlights was hearing from 2011 Physics Nobel Prize winner, Brian Schmidt, who focused on the expanding Universe and the relationship between atoms, dark matter, and dark energy. *“Being exposed to brilliant minds such as Nobel Prize winner Brian Schmidt was an amazing privilege and provided great motivation for my personal scientific ambitions,”* said Andrea.

One of the goals of the forum is to expose the students to a great number of branches of scientific research and to demonstrate the real life applications science has for everyday life. Andrea’s likely field of study will be biomedical engineering in which Australians have recently made world advances in areas such as cochlear implants making hearing available to many in the world that potentially would never be able to hear. Andrea said that she *“would like to think that my study would be able to translate into practical applications that assist people to improve their everyday lives.”*

Andrea now aims to join an elite group of international science students in London for the London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) for two weeks in August 2017. *“I learnt so much at the Canberra forum, and left feeling so inspired by all of the knowledge I have gained, I am now aiming for the London International Youth Science Forum to*

further my understanding and aspirations in the science fields.” The LIYSF brings together 500 of the world’s brightest science students and recently has helped develop and inspire some of the world’s most brilliant scientific minds.

PBL Focus this week

Mudgee High School is a positive behaviour for learning school. We expect all students to follow our universals and be **SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE** in the playground

How to be safe:

- Follow staff instructions
- Stay in bounds
- Report issues of concern

How to be respectful:

- Maintain appropriate personal space
- Place rubbish in the bins

How to be responsible:

- Care for your equipment and that of others
- Use active and passive areas appropriately



SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Friday 24th February

This year, as it was last year, the carnival is **compulsory for years ALL students at Mudgee High School**. Students can be dropped off at the pool from 8.20am onwards or if they catch the bus, get off at St. Matthews School and walk to the pool supervised by staff members. The roll will be marked as students enter the pool complex. The carnival starts at 9am and students are expected to be there before this time.

As always, the spirit of the carnival is for students to have fun and participate. **ALL** students are expected to participate in at least 2 events. If your son/daughter is not a strong swimmer, there will be assistance available to enable them to swim and earn valuable House points.

The house colours are:

- Cunningham-Yellow
- Blaxland-Red
- Lawson-Blue
- Wentworth-Green



Students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the carnival and dress in their house colours. Please remember to send them with sunscreen and hat.

Canteen facilities are available and Yr 12 will be running activities throughout the day so students should bring some money to support the seniors fundraising initiatives.

If students are interested in representing Mudgee High in swimming, they need to see Mr Smith in the Computer Pod. This is the second year we have run a FULL school carnival and after the success of last year, it will be great to see students attend and get into the house and school spirit.



Bawamarra
(Relate news, Communicate)

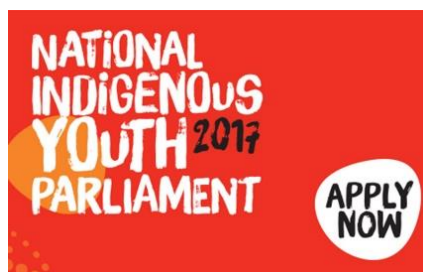
National Indigenous Youth Parliament



If you identify as an Aboriginal student, and you're 16+ years old, the National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP) is your chance to come to Canberra, meet Australia's leaders, learn about democracy and have your say on important issues. Fifty young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people will be selected, six from each state and territory and two from the Torres Strait, to come to Canberra for the week-long program.

Who can apply?

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people aged 16 to 25 years who are willing to stand up and speak about important issues, work as part of a team, travel to new places, meet new people and learn.



How do I apply?

Complete and submit the online application form below. **Applications close Friday 3 March 2017.**

Letter of support

All applications must include a letter of support from your teacher or tutor, employer, coach, youth worker, community leader, family friend or other referee.

The letter of support should support the claims made in your application and explain why you are suitable for the NIYP.

Go to <http://www.aec.gov.au/indigenous/niyp/>

For more information see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom.

2017 National NAIDOC Poster Competition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to submit artworks for the 2017 National NAIDOC Poster Competition. The competition is a chance for talented artists aged 13 years and older to be recognised across Australia.

The winning artwork will be used to create the 2017 National NAIDOC Poster to promote NAIDOC Week. The winning artwork will also collect a \$5,000 cash prize.

Your artwork must reflect the 2017 National NAIDOC theme: **Our Languages Matter**

Go to: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/2017-national-naidoc-poster-competition-entry-form>

For more information see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom.



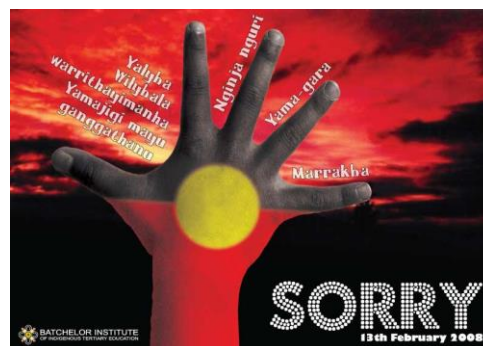
**Our Languages
Matter**

2-9 JULY 2017

NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

Monday 13th February is the National Apology Day. This event marks the anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the House of Representatives on 13 February 2008 by then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd.

The Apology related to past laws, policies and practices which have impacted on Australia's First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations. The motion was supported by the Opposition and passed through both houses of Parliament. Brendan Nelson (former Leader of the Opposition) gave a formal response.



Many members of the Stolen Generations were present in the Chamber to hear the Apology and thousands more filled the Great Hall of Parliament House and flowed out onto the lawns to watch it on big screens. The Apology was broadcast across Australia. Mudgee High School acknowledged this day on the whole school assembly on Wednesday. Cody Arnol and Ricky Maynard presented an excellent speech to the whole school to explain what the day is about and the significance of this day. Both boys are to be congratulated on their public speaking skills.

Year 7 NSW School Vaccination Program 2017

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). In 2017, the following vaccines will be offered:



Year 7 students*

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
 - varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
 - human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months for male and female students.
- * *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parental/guardian consent is required for students to be vaccinated. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school or telephoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. Consent forms will only be accepted if they are completed using blue or black pen and are original (photocopied or faxed consent forms will not be accepted).

Parent Information Kits have been distributed to all Year 7 students. Please ensure the consent forms are returned to the school and placed in the box in the front office as soon as possible. This is a key element to the success of the program. A 'Record of Vaccination' will be given to each child and it is important they provide this to their doctor to ensure that records are kept up to date. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8. The Parent Information Kits have been translated for parents/guardians into 26 community languages and are available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. **However, only the English-language consent form should be completed.**

MUDGEES JUNIOR HOCKEY

Start date: Friday 24 March 2017

Times: Fridays from 4-4.45pm (3-5 years), 4-5.30pm (6-12 years) and 5.30-6.30pm (High School age)

Venue: Mudgee Tennis Courts (similar playing surface to synthetic hockey turf)

Cost: \$50 first child in family, \$40 second child, \$30 third child, 4th and subsequent children free

Registrations: online at www.mudgeedistricthockey.com.au

Equipment: shin pads and mouthguard compulsory, sticks may be loaned from the club or purchased from www.jushockey.com.au

More information: contact Jo and Nico on mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com

ZINE WORKSHOP

Eight Wednesday afternoons

May 10, 17, 24, 31 + June 7, 14, 21, 28

4-5pm at Mudgee Library

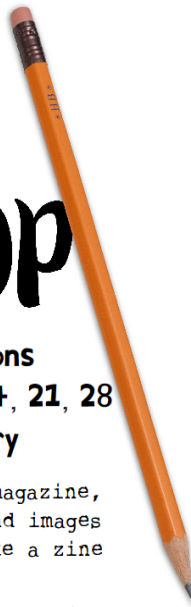
Learn how to create your own magazine,
from coming up with stories and images
to design and layout - and make a zine
with your friends!

Over eight weeks students will learn different
aspects of creating a magazine. Artist
and writer Sam Paine will drive the project
and special guests will teach you about
different aspects of design and writing.

During the term you'll work together to
create your own zine, which will be launched
at the Mudgee Readers' Festival in August by
a special guest author!

FREE, but registration essential:

info@mudgeereaders.com or at Mudgee Library



This project is supported by Arts NSW's Country Arts Support Program
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TOWN HALL CINEMA

*** SHOWING March 3,4,5 2017***

Tickets available online from Monday 20th February

Buy La La Land Tickets @

<https://www.trybooking.com/ORFC>

Buy Moana Tickets @

<https://www.trybooking.com/OOAA>



SESSION TIMES

La La Land
Friday March 3 7.00pm
Saturday March 4 4.30pm
Saturday March 4 7.30pm
Sunday March 5 4.30pm

Moana
Saturday March 4 11.00am
Saturday March 4 2.00pm
Sunday March 5 11.00am
Sunday March 5 2.00pm

TICKET PRICES

Adults: \$15.00
Children/Concession: \$10.00
Children under 5 years: Free

Tickets available online from
Monday 20th February 2017
or at the door (if not sold out prior).
For more information, visit
www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au or like
Mudgee Town Hall Cinema on Facebook.

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WARRIORS FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTRATION DAYS

Mudgee - Glen Willow **Gulgong - Billy Dunn Oval**
 25th Feb, 4th March, Thursday 9th March - 4pm - 5.30pm
 11th March - 10am to 1pm Saturday 11th March - 10am - 12 noon

Rylstone - Rylstone Showground
 2nd & 9th March - 4pm to 5.30pm

Online registration
www.myfootball.com.au
 Payment to club on registration days
 by cash, chq or EFTPOS



Season Commences
 7/5/17 - Proposed

MUDGEES DISTRICT

NETBALL

ASSOCIATION



2017 REGISTRATION DETAILS

Team nominations open:
Saturday 25th February

Form are available on our website and must be completed by:
Friday 10th March

Individual registrations open online:
Monday 13th March

Competition begins:
Saturday 1st April

For more information visit
www.mudgeena.nsw.netball.com.au





Mudgee Junior Rugby League

Registrations for all age groups (Under 6s to Under 16s) will be taken on 24th of February, 3rd of March and 10th of March at Cahill Park

Fun Footy Friday for players Under 9 on these days too

For more information - facebook.com/mudgeejuniorrugbyleague

Free Trial Classes

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Classes back 15/2

CUDGEGONG VALLEY physical culture

WEDNESDAY'S
MUDGEES CLASSES
Perry Hall Studios
18 Perry St (Upstairs Studio)

4.00-4.45....3-8 yrs
4.45-5.30....9-12 yrs
5.30-6.15....13-16 yrs
6.15-7.00....Ladies
7.00-7.45....Seniors

Classes back 14/2

MACQUARIE RIVER physical culture

TUESDAY'S
DUBBO CLASSES
St Johns Primary School
138 Sheraton Rd

4.00-4.45....3-8 yrs
4.45-5.30....9-12 yrs
5.30-6.15....Ladies
6.15-7.00....Seniors

info@physicalculture.net.au
0417 225 948

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Being a member of Mudgees Squadron gives you or your child the chance to learn about aircrafts (military and civilian), attend camps, march in competitions and ANZAC Day, and challenge yourself while earning badges for your uniform.

Ages 8+

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**LOCATION: AERO CLUB, CLUBHOUSE
MUDGEES AIRPORT**

Website: mudgees.airleague.com.au